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SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 245184

1. BECAUSE OF INSISTANCE ON WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM
US, ECON COUNSELOR GAVE FOLLOWING LETTER TO CARVALHO:
BEGIN TEXT

DEAR ERNESTO:

WITH REFERENCE TO OUR DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE EX-
TENSION OF THE SHRIMP FISHING AGREEMENT, I WISH TO PROVIDE
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO YOU.

WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PUSH THE IMPLEMENTING
LEGISLATION THROUGH CONGRESS. THE HOUSE PASSED THE MEASURE
LAST WEEK. THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE HAS THE
MEASURE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE EXPECT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION
TO BE PASSED THIS COMING WEEK OR EARLY IN THE NEXT

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CONGRESSIONAL SESSION WHICH BEGINS IN JANUARY. THE

LEGISLATION AUTHORIZES AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO EFFECT THIS PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW.

WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BRAZIL AND THE U.S. TO EXTEND THE SHRIMP AGREEMENT PRIOR TO ITS EXPIRATION FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THIS WOULD PROVIDE TIME FOR US TO SEEK MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE AGREEMENT COULD BE EXTENDED BY A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF NOTES. END TEXT.

2. IN ORAL PRESENTATION ECON COUNSELOR EMPHASIZED A) DESIRABILITY OF EXTENSION PRIOR TO EXPIRATION, AND B) ADVANTAGES OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION RATHER THAN SHORTER PERIOD.

3. ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS, CARVALHO UNHAPPY ABOUT FAILURE OF LETTER TO BE MORE SPECIFIC ON PAYMENT OF FUNDS AND NOTED ONCE AGAIN DESIRABILITY OF US MEETING ALL OBLIGATIONS OF AGREEMENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF ONE YEAR EXTENSION WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND THAT REACTION HAD BEEN NEGATIVE; SIX MONTHS WAS MAXIMUM PERIOD THAT GOB PREPARED TO CONSIDER. HE DID AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO EXCHANGE NOTES ON EXTENSION PRIOR TO DEC 31, AND PROMISED TO TRY TO GET DECISION AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE THIS WEEK. CRIMMINS

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